

Project CyberSafe *For Parents*

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What is a bully?

Someone who picks on, hits, or harms someone else in a process of INTIMIDATION.

What is cyberbullying?

The intent to HURT or EMBARRASS someone else by using computers, cell phones and the internet.

Life consequences of what you or your children post online:

This becomes a part of your child's identity and reputation.

Activities can lead to criminal charges and consequences affecting your family, such as:

- School expulsion.
- Termination from public housing and/or public assistance.
- Loss of driver's license privileges.
- Employers and universities can see social media when making selection decisions.
- Retaliation through extremely violent measures is possible, even suicide.



Warning signs that victims of cyberbullying often display:

Increased probability for alcohol / drug usage Skipping / unwilling to attend school

Poor grades

More health problems

Lower self-esteem - Depression

What can you do?

Monitor your children's online activity.

Advise, assist and account for online activity.

Ask to see who they are "friends with" online.

Encourage children stop, think, then post.

Limit screen time to 2 hours per day.

Keep all of your family's personal info safe.

Be courteous of other children's privacy. Don't post names or photos without their parent's permission.

Ask your child's school or youth group to offer a Project CyberSafe presentation. Contact us at (317) 327-3522.



Resources for parents

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services www.StopBullying.gov

National Cyber Safety Alliance www.StaySafeOnline.org

Facebook Family Safety Center www.Facebook.com/safety

Instagram help and privacy information help.instagram.com

Twitter safety tips for parents support.twitter.com/articles/470968-safety-tips-for-parents

Crime Stoppers

- Text "INDYCS" + your tip to 274637 (CRIMES) Online at www.CrimeTips.org
- Call (317) 262-8477 (TIPS) or 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)

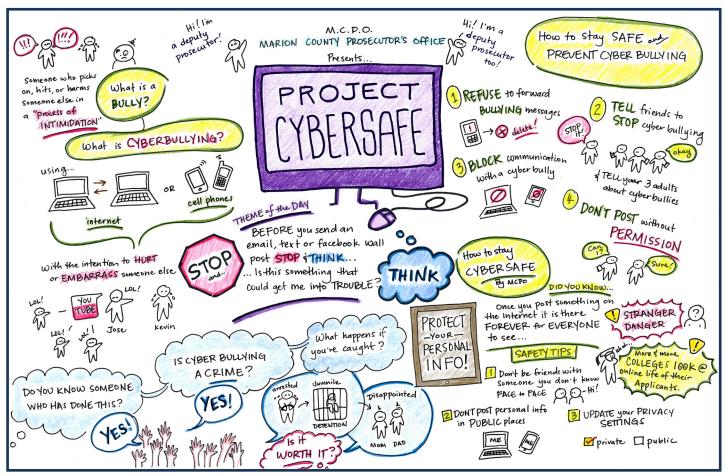


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Free crime prevention programs

Offered by the Marion County Prosecutor's Community Prosecution Division Schedule a presentation at (317) 327-3522 or mcpo@indy.gov

Burglary and property crime prevention: Protect your home and vehicle from crime.

Power Against Fraud: Elder fraud and scam prevention for seniors.

Senior Sentinels: Offering tips to seniors on home security, identity theft, adapting homes for senior residents and poison prevention.

Landlord Training: How to keep illegal activity out of rental property.

Project CyberSafe: Educating children and parents about the dangers of online behavior and and legal consequences of cyberbullying.

Choices Not Chances: An interactive online decision tree that walks participants through scenarios involving gangs, bullying and dating violence.

Educating Kids about Gun Violence:

Educating children on the legal, medical, and emotional consequences of gun possession and related gun violence. Provided in partnership with Wishard Trauma.

Gang Education: Recognizing gang activity and what to do to keep children out of gangs.

Other Services

Child Support Enforcement: For assistance in the enforcement and collection of court ordered child support, please call (317) 327-1800.

Adult Protective Services Hotline: Report suspected senior neglect at (877) 284-0063.